Subject: Devreese Collection of Medals

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WOODBURN
STRATFORD, PA

Secretary
American Numismatic Society
New York City

Dear Sir:—

Last December I had the pleasure of obtaining a complete set of the Belgian War-medals by Mercier, to be sold for the benefit of Reconstruction work abroad. (In fact years I have been working with the Belgian

Relief Committee of the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania, & have been decorated by His Majesty - King Albert, - so you may know I am in no way a dealer) - & sold them to Miss Mabel A. Brice of Philadelphia - I was given to understand that except for Mr. Herbert Hoover - no other private individual possessed a collection in the U.S.A. These were issued during the war in occupied Belgium, & against regulations, - & being very few in number - are very scarce, & difficult to obtain already -

through an official source I have just received another collection - as per accompanying list - almost all of which are artist's proofs.

I should like to place this collection in New York - and am writing to ask if your Society would care to purchase it - in some manner?

The price is $285.00 for the fifteen medals - and in acquiring the collection, some collector will have a very scarce and valuable collection and will also

be benefitting a much-needed work abroad.

Should you care to have the medals sent for inspection, I would be pleased to send them for you to see.

Thanking you for your courtesy

Yours very truly

Susan Richmer White

(Mrs. Edward A. White)

List of Devresse Collection of Medals -

King Albert & Queen Elizabeth, & Gratitude to America - (Artists' Proof.)

Brand Whitlock -

Pendant l'Absence - (Artists' Proof)

Apres l'absence - (" ")

Cantine du Soldat Prisonnier - (Artists' Proof)

Servir les Pauvres -

J'aide et je console - (Artists' Proof) -

Santé de l'Enfance - (" ")

Alimentation de l'Enfant -

Burgomaster Max - (Artists' Proof)

Général Leman - (" ")

Assistance discrète - (" ")

King Albert & Queen Elisabeth, St. Christopher - (Artists' Proof)

Herbert Hoover - (Artists' Proof) -

Aux affligées secours - (Artists' Proof)

April 26th, 1920.

Mrs. Edward A. White,
"Woodburn",
Strafford, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

I have your letter of the 24th which I am referring to one of our members who may possibly be interested, although I do not feel at all certain that this will be the case. Our own funds are not sufficient to permit us to consider the purchase of these pieces at the present time. If I have a favorable response I will communicate with you at once.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

May 15th, 1920

Mrs. Edward A. White
"Woodburn"
Strafford, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In response to your card of May 13th, I beg to advise that the subscription of the Prince of Wales Medal has closed. It was extended to March 1st in order that the members of the Pilgrims of the United States might participate along with the members of our own Society. I am very sorry, therefore, to write you that no further copies are procurable.

May I enquire whether you are interested in medals? Our Society issues them from time to time and the subscription is usually limited to our membership, or to ours and the membership of some other organization interested in the particular medal being published.

If you would care to become an Associate of our Society, it would give me much pleasure to propose your name. The annual dues are Five Dollars, and you would receive the publications of our Society as well as the opportunity of subscribing for any medals it might issue.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/VEE

May 17. 1920.

"WOODBURN"
STRATFORD, PA.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary American Numismatic Soc'y.
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 15th was received & I thank you for your courtesy.

I am very much interested in medals, & for the last three years have had numbers of the French ones sent out to me for sale for the Hospitals near the front during the war, & since hostilities have ended

for the re-habilitation of some of the devastated districts, — but I have not the financial means to extend for myself.

Some I have been presented with, & prize greatly, and I should very much enjoy becoming an associate — and all that it means, — but for the present — must decline regretfully your kind offer to propose me —

May I venture to suggest that Mrs. Elbert L. Carpenter

314 Clifton Ave —

Minneapolis —

Minn —

might like to become an Associate, — an
I have a collection of the French & Belgian
medals — purchased from me, — and
I was the one who made & inspired the
Prince of Wales medal & at the same
time had made where she could get any
collection of modern medals.

I shall have a few of the French medals —
& am anxious to see a list of names — & demand
also — If your members want any of these
& be unable to secure them elsewhere — I'd
be glad to supply them — the money
all goes back to France with this exception

of the duty collected by the U.S.A. as my part is entirely charity-work.

Once more thanking you for your courtesy & sincerely regretting my inability to avail myself of the privilege of joining the Society.

Yours very truly

Susan Witmer White

(Mrs. Edward A. White)

List inclosed.

French Commemorative Medals - Bronze -

4 King Albert of Belgium - Prudhomme -	@	$10.00
1 Lorraine - - - - " -		10.00
1 "France à Verdun" - - - " -		10.00
1 - Aviation - - - - " (Small) -		2.00
1 - Red Cross - - " (Silver) -		5.50
1 - Jerusalem Delivered - Le Gastelois - - - -		10.00
1 - Wilson, Le gastelois - - - - - - -		10.00
1 - Clemenceau, " - - - - - - -		10.00
3 - Cardinal Mercier " - - - - - - -	@	6.50
3 - "A la Gloire des Armées" " - - - - - - -	@	10.00
1 - Automobile - Morlon - - - - -		8.00
3 - Aeroplane - Montagny - - - - -	@	8.00
3 Hydroplane - " - - - - -	@	8.00
2 - Paris - Lefebvre - - - - - -	@	10.00
2 - Jeanne d'Arc - Dupuis - - - - -	@	10.00
4 Jeanne d'Arc - Morchon - - - -	@	8.00
1 - Le Poilu, Ribaud, (copper) - - - - -		10.00
1 - La Somme Dévastée - Ansart, (copper) - - -		8.00
4 Battle of the Yser, Allouard - - - -	@	10.00
2 "Aux Flames de la Croix Rouge" - Allouard -	@	10.00
3 "Aux Héros Inconnus" - " -	@	10.00
2 "Va Fils!" Desvignes - - - - - -	@	8.00
2 "Travailleurs des Usines" - Desvignes -	@	8.00

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2 Guynemer,– Bareille – – – – @ 8.00
3- Foch – Clemenceau, Nocq – – – – @ 9.00
1- "Saviours of the Liberty of the World–"
(U.S.A. troops passing thro' Arc de
Triomphe, July 14-1919–) [illegible] – 8.00
3- Rouget de l'Isle & Marseillaise,– Borrel – @ 9.00
2- Gallieni, Maillard – – – – – – @ 8.00
2- Washington – Lafayette, Lavillier – – – @ 8.00
2 "In memory of my service" – – – – – – – @ 2.00
1- Victory, Morlon – (small, copper) 3.00
1- Honneur au Dévouement, Aube – – 3.00
1- Croix-Rouge, Dropsy (Silver) – – – 5.00
1- Jugé! (Silver) – – – – – 3.50
1- Boche mort – – – – – – – 2.00
1- "Over the Top!" & Lorraine Libre, Indovinis – 2.50
1 Lorraine, Merignac – – – – – – – – 7.50
1 Oeuvres des Barbares,– Croce – – – – 7.50
1- Gratitude au Personnel Hospitalier.
Baudichon – 6.00
1- "On les a!" – Strasbourg – 1918 – Monnier – 9.00
1- Belgian Orphans – Devreese – – – – – 7.50

May 19th, 1920

Mrs. Edward A. White
"Woodburn"
Strafford, Pa.

Dear Mrs. White:

Thank you for your letter of May 17th. I am sorry that you do not see your way clear to becoming an Associate at the present time. May I leave this matter open for you should you care to respond to this invitation later?

I will keep the list of medals which you have sent me, and if I find that I can use it with any of our people I shall be glad to do so.

I shall, as you suggest, write to Mrs. Carpenter and wish to thank you very much for sending me her name. I shall write her at once.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/VEE